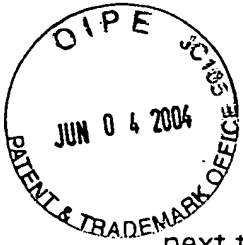


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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEALING AND CUTTING OF FOIL TUBES

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This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application Serial No. 102 41 592.7, filed 5 SEPTEMBER 2002.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/480,700, filed 23 JUNE 2003, entitled "PROCEDURE AND DEVICE FOR SEALING AND CUTTING OF FOIL TUBES." This provisional application is incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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